

# Moses' Commission

## Exodus Chapter 3

Exd 3:1 **1) God Calls Moses** vs 1-10

Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

- *Horeb in Sadua Arabia. Not in the Sinai Peninsula*
- *Paul went to Arabia (Galatians 1:17) Possibly to this Mountain of God*

Exd 3:2 The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

- *Acts Chapter 2 - Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit fell upon 120 disillusioned yet faithful believers. It reads, "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. They were amazed and astonished,"*
- *A bush burning and yet not consumed. When God uses you for His purpose, it is a unique sight. It's natural and yet a miracle. The divine element is that you are not consumed.*
- *Reason why you would be consumed*
  - *Working for people not God*
  - *Working for your glory not God's*
  - *The fire is not God's Holy fire*
- *Do you notice that in both these incidents that at first the fire causes some on to notice but quickly the attention is turned away from the object on fire to an awesome God?*
- *Our desire is to be that bush that is passionately on fire for God, not being consumed and thus people are drawn to the spectacle and are at awe with God.*

Exd 3:3 So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up."

Exd 3:4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

**Turn Aside**

- *Verse 2 says the "Angel of the Lord" and verse 4 reads that the "Lord saw" and "...God Called"*
- *It seems that the Lord was waiting to see Moses to turn aside. We need to turn aside from our course and hear God.*

Exd 3:5 Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ."

**Come Near  
Remove  
Sandals**

- *Sandals are a protection or a buffer between your flesh and the holy ground.*
- *Take off your sandals. Why? So the man would feel the holy ground. That he isn't buffered from the holy ground*

Exd 3:6 He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Exd 3:7 The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. ."

- *God sees and is aware of Israel's affliction and suffering.*
- *Not because they deserve it but because they have cried out to God.*

Exd 3:8 "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the

Jebusite.

Exd 3:9 "Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. ."

- "Now" - 40 years later. (see verse 11)

Exd 3:10 "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt." ."

- In verse 8 God tells Moses He Himself has come down to deliver Israel.
- Yet here God tells Moses the method of His deliverance -- You!
- Chapter 2:11 + 13 Moses went to his brethren. This time Moses will be sent.
  - The desire for wonderful things of God in our lives, such as ministry, can and will cause us to jump ahead of what God wants. So sometimes we go but are not sent.

Exd 3:11 **2) God Qualifies Moses** vs 11-14

First ???

But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" ."

- Who Am I?
- This is where God wanted to bring Moses to. It took 40 years. We do not have a list of the mental, emotional or spiritual struggles that Moses went thru for 40 years. But it is evident that he now has a different attitude.
- Moses doesn't have the SELF

Exd 3:12 And He said, "Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain." ."

- God's answer is "Moses you are the man who has God with him."  
*The possibilities are endless for the man who God is with.*
- And the sign to you that I sent you is - AFTER IT IS DONE
- 1 Samuel 14:1-15 is an account of Jonathan and his armor bearer. They alone face and overwhelming number of the enemy and Jonathan tells his armor bearer "let's go up and see what God will do." The sign was after they revealed themselves to the enemy, thus they were committed whatever the outcome.

Exd 3:13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" ."

Second ???

- What shall I say?
- Can you imagine the millions of questions going thru Moses' mind. Go To Pharaoh? Will he kill me? What will convince him to let the people go? Do they remember me? I'm here talking to a bush, that's on fire but isn't burned up, Am I dreaming? Am I out of my mind?
- His question is about acceptance. Israel's acceptance of him. Really what he is asking is how will they know you have sent me?

Exd 3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " ."

- This answer is demonstrates His Holiness. It is Aloof, It is Authoritative, It is Accurate.
- He says "I AM WHO I AM" meaning I am who ever I need to be. When ever I want to be.
  - He tells Moses "I AM"
  - He tells Abram while making a covenant -  
*"I Am The Almighty" "El Shaddai" Gen 17:1*
  - He tells Abraham another time while sacrificing Isaac -  
*"I Am The Provider" "Jehovah Jireh" Gen 22:7*
  - He tells Moses while wandering w/ the Children of Israel -  
*"I Am The Healer" "Jehovah Rophe" Exodus 15:26*
  - He tells Moses after defeating Amalak -  
*"I Am Your Banner" "Jehovah Nissi" Exodus 17:8-16*

- He tells Moses -  
"I Am Your Sanctifier" "Jehovah M'Kaddesh" Lev 20:8
- He tells David at some point so he tells us -  
"I Am Your Shepherd" "Jehovah Rohi" Psalm 23
- He tells Jeremiah as the people are carried off into captivity -  
"I Am Your Righteousness" "Jehovah Tsdkenu" Jer 25:5-8
- He tells Gideon after he threshing wheat in a wine press and calls him up -  
"I Am Your Peace" "Jehovah Shalom" Judges 6:24
- He tells Moses after defeating Amalak -  
"I Am Your Banner" "Jehovah Nissi" Exodus 17:8-16
- He tells Ezekiel as he is giving measurements of a great and coming City-  
"I Am Ever Present" "Jehovah Shammah" Exekiel 48:35

Jesus said

John 6:51: "I am the living bread  
 John 8:23: "I AM from above.  
 John 8:12: "I AM the light of the world"  
 John 10:9: "I AM the door."  
 John 10:11: "I AM the good shepherd."  
 John 10:36: "I am the Son of God?"  
 John 11:25: "I AM the resurrection and the life."  
 John 14:6: "I AM the way, the truth, and the life."  
 John 15:1: "I AM the true vine"  
 John 19:2: "I am the King of the Jews."

- John 18:5 When they came to arrest Jesus, Jesus asked them "Whom do you seek?" They replied "Jesus the Nazarene". Jesus declared "I AM (he)" The "He" is italicized. Which means it wasn't there in the original. Jesus said "I AM"

### Exd 3:15 3) God Confirms Moses vs 15-22

God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

- This is God's Name ...FOREVER!!!

- Exd 3:16 "Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I am indeed concerned about you and what has been done to you in Egypt.
- Exd 3:17 "So I said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey."
- Exd 3:18 "They will pay heed to what you say; and you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt and you will say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'
- Exd 3:19 "But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion.
- God already knows and tells Moses that Pharaoh will not let them go on this first encounter or with this limited request of 3 days.
  - God is suggesting that Pharaoh will eventually "under compulsion". In other words he will be forced.
- Exd 3:20 "So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go.
- Exd 3:21 "I will grant this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed.
- Exd 3:22 "But every woman shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians."

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